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1. AT DEPARTMENT'S INVITATION EMBASSY TOKYO FISHATT, JAMES
JOHNSON, MET AT DEPARTMENT MAY 10, 1977, WITH INTERESTED
DEPTOFFS AND REPS OF INTERIOR/US/FWS, CEQ, AND SMITHSONIAN
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TO DISCUSS REPORTED PROBLEM OF SEABIRD MORTALITY IN JAPAN-
ESE NORTH PACIFIC SALMON FISHERY GILL-NETS (REFTEL).
MR. JOHNSON DESCRIBED JAPANESE PLANS TO CARRY OUT OWN
STUDY OF PROBLEM ABOARD NORTH PACIFIC SALMON FISHING
FLEET EARLY THIS SUMMER.

2. AS RESULT OF THIS DISCUSSION US/FWS HAS CONFIRMED OFFER

TO PROVIDE AS A NEXT STEP TWO TO THREE TRAINED U.S. ORNITHOLOGISTS TO COOPERATE WITH JAPANESE IN SUMMER OF 1978, IF THIS AGREEABLE TO GOJ, IN A SURVEY OF SEABIRDS INCIDENTALLY TAKEN IN GILL-NETS BY JAPANESE SALMON FLEET. U.S./FWS WOULD COVER SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF THESE U.S. SCIENTISTS FOR PERIOD OF TWO TO THREE MONTHS IN JAPAN AND AT SEA FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A COOPERATIVE VENTURE COULD BUILD ON INITIAL JAPANESE FINDINGS THIS SEASON AND CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO USEFUL JOINT SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT OF PROBLEM (PER REFTEL).

3. NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OF UJNR PANEL ON NATIONAL PARKS WILL BE HELD IN NORTHERN JAPAN IN FALL OF 1977. AS EMBASSY AWARE, U.S. FIRST RAISED SUBJECT OF SEABIRD MORTALITY AT LAST FALL MEETING OF THIS PANEL IN WASHINGTON (REF) WE WOULD HOPE TO CARRY THIS DISCUSSION FURTHER WITH APPROPRIATE GOJ OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS AT FORTHCOMING UJNR PANEL MEETING, WHEN WE HOPE JAPANESE SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED DESCRIBE THEIR INITIAL FINDINGS THIS SUMMER; AT SAME TIME BOTH SIDES COULD DISCUSS PLANS FOR COOPERATION NEXT SUMMER IF U.S. OFFER ON THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOJ. IN MEANTIME US/FWS IS UNDERTAKING ITS OWN REVIEW OF DATA AVAILABLE ON U.S. SIDE, WHICH WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUBMIT AT UJNR FALL MEETING.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY ABOVE TO JAPANESE AUTHORITIES AND ADVISE. VANCE

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